

To the QUEEN's

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Most Excellent Majesty,

The MEMORIAL of Captain LUKE SPICER, who
Serv'd in Your Majesty's Regiment of Foot formerly Com-
manded by Brigadier *De Lalo*, afterwards by the late Lord
Mordaunt, and now by Colonel *Windsor*,

Most humbly Sheweth;

THAT the Regiment in which he Serv'd in the Year 1706, being
appointed on a sudden to go for *Spain*, and Colonel *Lalo* by Ex-
change to remain in *Flanders*; the said *Spicer* having acted as Pay-
master to the Regiment, and having Accounts lying open for great Sums of
Money, apply'd himself to the Duke of *Marlborough*, for Leave to stay so long
behind, as to settle the Regiment's Accounts with his Colonel and Agent;
upon which Mr. *de Cardonel*, by the Duke's Order, wrote from *Harte-Beck*
Camp to Mr. *St. John*, then Secretary at War, now One of Your Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State; who did procure for the said *Spicer* Your Ma-
jesty's Leave, under Your Hand, bearing Date the 6th of *July* 1706, to stay
behind, and settle that Regiments Accounts. Notwithstanding which, so soon
as the Regiment arriv'd in *Spain*, the Lord *Gallway* gave the said *Spicer*'s Com-
pany away, and left him (after he had Serv'd Eighteen Years under Arms,
as Adjutant, Lieutenant, Captain-Lieutenant, and Captain, in the War of
Ireland, *Flanders*, *Newfoundland*, and at Sea, under an unblemish'd Character,
and without even one Complaint against him, in Camp or Quarters, in all his
Life) with a Wife and Ten Children, to common Providence, for Bread.

*The said Spicer therefore humbly hopes, Your MAJESTY will graciously be
pleas'd to Direct, That his Service and Character may be publickly Enquired
into, and that he may stand Condemn'd, as at present, with his Hardships upon
him, or be made Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army, as he was promised by the
Duke of Marlborough in the Year 1706, or be put as such upon the List of
Half-Pay, till an Opportunity of Providing for him shall happen.*

TIS Her MAJESTY's Pleasure, That the Merits of this Memorial be
Enquired into by the Court of General Officers, and that they make
a Report thereof to Her MAJESTY; upon which Her MAJESTY's Pleasure
will be farther known.

G. Granville.

Upon this Report Her Majesty was pleased
to order the P. Spicer a Commission to Command
a Company of Invalids which Commission
bears Date of 9th June 1711 and was given by
the P. Spicer to His Grace the Duke of Ormond
But the P. Spicer never Received one farthing
pay for the P. Commission nor no manner of
consideration for the Great Expence he was at
in his attendance and paying the Fees of it
But Humbly Hopes Her Majesty will Graciously
be pleased to allow the P. Spicer his pay of Cap:
for that time and order him to be put upon the
List of Halfe pay

May it please Your Majesty,

TH E General Officers of the Army, in Obedience to Your Majesty's Commands, having Examined the MEMORIAL of Captain *Luke Spicer*, who Serv'd in Your Majesty's Regiment of Foot formerly Commanded by Brigadier *Lalo*, afterwards by the Lord *Mordaunt*, and now by Colonel *Windsor*, setting forth, That on the said Regiment's Departure for *Spain*, He being Pay-master thereto, obtain'd Leave, under Your Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to remain for some time in *England*, in order to make up and adjust his Accompts, but was, during such his Stay, Superceeded by a Commission from the Earl of *Gallway*, at that time Your Majesty's General in those Parts; and Praying to be now Provided for in the Post of Lieutenant-Colonel: T H E Y humbly Report to Your Majesty, That it appears to them, that the Petitioner had Your Majesty's License to be absent, bearing Date the 6th of *July* 1706; That the Regiment arriv'd in *Spain* in *January* following; and, That in the Month of *April* after, the Commanding Officer of the said Regiment, not knowing the Reason of the Petitioner's Absence, or that he had Your Majesty's Leave for the same, did Recommend to the Earl of *Gallway* the Captain-Lieutenant thereof, for a Commission for his Company; whereby Your Petitioner was Superceeded: And they farther take Leave to lay before Your Majesty, That they find the Petitioner to have Serv'd Your Majesty many Years in good Reputation, having always discharg'd his Duty with great Faithfulness and Diligence.

Which is humbly Submitted to Your Majesty, April 28. 1711.

A True Copy, J. THURSTON, Deputy Judge-Advocate.

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131 SPICER, Luke, Captain To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, The Memorial [and report of the General Officers of the Army thereon] [n.p., 171] £40

Folio, two leaves, folded as issued; p. [1] the Memorial complaining that in 1706 he was wrongly deprived of his captaincy when his regiment went abroad while he stayed behind (with Marlborough's approval) to settle regimental accounts as paymaster; a footnote over G. Grenville's name approves the Memorial for official enquiry; P. [iii] the report of the Generals supporting Spicer's contention and speaking for his character, dated April 1711. On p. [ii] however a MS note adds that although upon the Report Spicer was given another commission in June 1711, he never received a penny in respect of the lost years, nor was put on the half-pay list. How he survived, with "a Wife and Ten Children", we can only guess.